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STAFF MEETING MINUTES -- 10 December 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Burke

Mr. Reber

Mr. Kiefer

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1. STAGING OPERATION - On 10 December the ferry flight from Adana to [] because of poor terminal weather at [] Apparently no problems of a security or publicity nature developed at [] and plans were made to re-launch the ferry from [] on 12 December, utilizing a crew and ground handling equipment sent from Adana.

2. TEST STATUS BOARD - There was no significant change, except to note that U-2 production model No. 391 is now in place at Edwards.

Two more [] are scheduled. (See Staff Minutes of 2 December 1958, paragraph 8.d.)

[] had received a visit from Messrs Harry Press and Tom Coleman of NASA, requesting assistance in conducting high altitude testing of some undetermined nature for NASA. [] had referred them to [] who had agreed to cooperate to the fullest extent when they have a more firmly-defined requirement.

3. ZOOM-CLIMB TESTS - Zoom-climb tests began on schedule on 8 December. A very preliminary result of the first tests appears to look favorable for the U-2.

4. SUMMARY OF INTERCEPTION ATTEMPTS, MISSION 4093 - Mr. Bissell requested Operations [] to prepare for use in a briefing of General Goodpaster, a paper summarizing interception attempts of Mission 4093, showing the number of interceptors by type, with a map covering the crucial portion of the track and comparing the actual course with

NASA Review Completed.

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ACTION: Col. Burke

8. STAFF DIRECTIVE - Col. Burke announced that considerable progress had been made in the preparation of an ex parte organizational plan for the absorption of the Air Division. Considerably less progress has been made in allied reorganizations, notably the Water-Air Division of TSS and the Aircraft Maintenance Support Division of the Office of Logistics. Initial meetings with [] on this latter portion indicated controversial areas which probably can be resolved.

Mr. Bissell suggested as guidelines that we steer very clear of any impression (or actuality) of taking over for the sake of taking over; that expedition should be a very major point in any reorganization suggested; and that we should probably avoid the assumption of any procurement activities.

Mr. Bissell said that he wished to discuss with [] and Mr. Kiefer the TSS portion of reorganization the first part of the week of 14 December. Col. Burke noted that any complete suggested reorganization would not be ready before at least the passage of another week. Mr. Bissell concurred.

9. GUSTO - Mr. Bissell announced that progress on the GUSTO program was still in a stage of deciding whether or not there would be any program. The budget problem is at the heart of the matter and Mr. Bissell believed that a submission of one form or another would go the President by the end of the week of 14 December.

In this connection, Mr. Bissell requested Operations to complete their operational comparison of the vehicles proposed by Lockheed and Convair.

[] was requested to draw up a one page summary of Soviet intercept capabilities through 1965.

ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 16 December

APPROVED:

Colonel USAF
Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

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